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Applicant: Andrew J. Ries et al. Docket No.: P11122.00

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DEVICE

SECOND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 5, 2006. Entry and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.